

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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December 17, 2003

To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.
for legal fees for Police Officer Walter McCullough
C.I. File No. 01-S-396; ELO No. 1806

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Walter McCullough. The claim is in the amount of \$518.34, including \$1.34 in disbursements for 4.70 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Sec. 895.35, Stats., Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
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August 29, 2002

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
Milwaukee City Clerk
800 City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Vicki Marie Reliford
Against PO Walter McCullough
Complaint No.: 01-74
Date of Incident: October 20, 2001
EC No.: 1806**

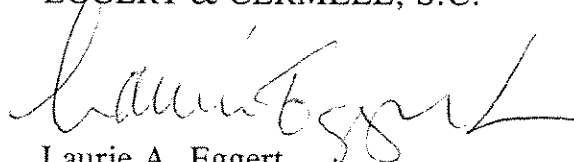
Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him, and as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a loud music investigation. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.



Laurie A. Eggert
Attorney at Law

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Milwaukee WI 53202RE: Citizen Complaint of Ms. Vicki Marie Reliford
Against PO Walter McCullough
FPC No: 01-74
Date of Incident: October 20, 2001
Location of Incident: 808 North 24th Street, Apt. 207

Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
01/14/02 Open file; review documents from client; telephone call to client; memo to file; correspondence to FPC; correspondence to MPD Open Records; search regarding municipal court records.	1.10
01/25/02 Telephone call to client; review of file.	0.50
01/28/02 Telephone call from and to client; review of file.	0.40
01/29/02 Telephone call from and to client; municipal court record search; memo to file.	1.30
01/30/02 Telephone call to client; review of file.	0.30
01/31/02 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
05/17/02 Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records.	0.30
08/27/02 Review of file; review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client; close file.	0.70

Mr. Ronald Leonhardt

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	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	4.70	\$517.00
Additional charges:		
05/31/02 MPD Open Records request		1.34
Total costs		<u>\$1.34</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$518.34</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$518.34</u></u>

(Rate: \$110.00 per hour)

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BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

In Re:
THE CHARGES OF VICKIE M. RELIFORD
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER WALTER MCCULLOUGH

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

To Officer Walter McCullough:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Vickie M. Reliford, Complaint No. 2001-74, filed with the Board on November 26, 2001, is dismissed due to the Complainant's passivity, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

WOODY WELCH,
CHAIRMAN

BY:


JOSEPH J. CZARNECKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AUGUST 22, 2002.

c: Attorney Laurie Eggert ✓

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

TO: P.O. WALTER McCULLOUGH
DISRTICT FIVE

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of
Attorney

Attorney EGGERT has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on OCTOBER 20, 2001
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by VICKI MARIE RELIFORD
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES X NO


Did you receive legal representation
in this matter?

YES X NO

Your signature: Walter A. McCullough

Print your name: WALTER A. McCullough

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Internal Affairs Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.


STEVEN SETTINGSGAARD
POLICE COMMANDER
Internal Affairs Division

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